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In the Application of:

Franz Steinbacher

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR

ULTRASONIC COMPOUND

IMAGING

Group Art Unit: 3737

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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on December 14, 2001.

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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER APPLICATION FILING DATE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

ENCLOSED:

Enclosed are the following:

- A completed PTO Form 1449A (modified) and Information Disclosure Statement which has 1 page.
- Transmittal of Information Disclosure Statement (Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) or 1.97(b).
- A copy of the printed or patented reference listed in the enclosed Form 1449A and not previously provided to or by the PTO in this application. One (1) reference is enclosed.

FEE DETERMINATION:

No fee is believed to be due because:

This Information Disclosure Statement, and an attached reference, is being filed (12/14/01): within three months of the fling date (09/18/01) of the national application; within three months of the date of entry of the national stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application; or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

FEE PAYMENT:

The following arrangements have been made to pay the fees calculated above:

No fee is believed to be due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which are presently required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATOIN:

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above. The Examiner is required to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 (modified) and return one copy to the applicant(s) to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 14, 2001

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